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THIS IS GIFT DAY

WHAT have we done with this day? It is a little gift to us from the astronomers. They have had difficulty since time immemorial endeavoring to divide the year into an exact number of parts, known as days, but the movement of the earth on its axis is not a factor to the movement around the sun. Rather, the latter is not an exact multiple of the former.

Hence on every fourth year we are presented with an additional day. That, however, tips the scales slightly in the other direction, so every 400th year we do not have 29 days in February. Such an occurrence, however, need not give great worry, as a person is not likely to be bothered more than once in a lifetime by such an elision. Even Methuselah only had it happen twice to him.

But even with the lending of days and borrowing some of them back again, the astronomers will find at the end of another million years that another concession must be made to exacting nature.

These facts, though, have no bearing on the point at issue, namely that we have 366 days this year instead of 365, twenty-four hours additional time in which to enjoy pleasure and to suffer pain. Nations may be made or unmade today, the gift day, with Verdun stormed, with the German army advancing in Champagne and with its fleet ready to leap from the Kiel canal and do battle against odds.

It is to be hoped that we, as individuals, have done something with this day, something that will count for good and which will be remembered without regrets.

MINERS AWAIT SPRING

THROUGHOUT the west the atmosphere of the mining camps is charged with a feeling of unrest and expectation. Prospectors, operators and investors alike are impatiently waiting for the snows in the mountains to melt and the weather to moderate, that they may be able to either resume or begin their activities in the mining field, says the Denver Mining Record.

The year just passed has been one of the busiest in the annals of western mining, but unless all signs are misleading, 1916 will witness still brisker doings by the mining men.

Attracted by the reports of highly remunerative finds and further encouraged by the present strong market for practically all metals, a veritable army of prospectors is marking time, awaiting an opportunity to trudge over the hills and seek for riches. The approaching spring will see these men industriously at work, and many new mining companies that have been financed during the past few months will begin operations.

No matter how crowded or abundantly prospected a mining district may be, there is always room and plenty of chances for more prospectors. Some of the best mines extant lay undiscovered for years in supposedly matured camps, until their precious veins of mineral were opened by lucky or persistent individuals. Of the large horde of prospectors now in the mountains, each has a proper fighting chance to make good.

THE FIRST DELEGATES

THE first delegates chosen to the Republican National convention are those from Florida, where the state convention was held on the ninth of February. Eight uninstructed delegates were selected and the convention adopted this resolution:

"We look with confidence to the Republican National convention to nominate a presidential candidate that will inspire and unify all patriotic citizens who believe in protection, prosperity and preparedness and who will secure for all Americans at home and abroad protection for life and property."

The delegation from Florida is said to be made up of representative and responsible Republicans who may be depended upon to find, in the field of candidates, exactly the kind of man for a leader whom their resolution describes. In fact, that is the kind of man whom all Republicans everywhere wish to put at the head of the ticket this year. No other kind of a man can possibly win a nomination in a convention such as we shall have this year. It will be a convention free from acrimony and scandal. It will be animated by sincere and patriotic purposes, shared alike by the first delegates to be chosen and by the last as well.

CONVICTED FOR HIS CONVICTIONS

IN another column we are printing a sketch of W. W. Booth, editor of the Tonopah Bonanza, who recently was arrested for criminal libel, tried in the district court of Nye county, convicted and sentenced by Judge Walsh to six months in the county jail, appealed to the supreme court, lost, made a motion for a re-hearing, which was later withdrawn, the board of pardons was petitioned by thousands of people from all over the state to grant a pardon to the editor, resolutions were adopted by the Nevada Press association asking relief by the board, pardon refused by a vote of four to one, parole granted by a vote of four to one, editor released and is now out on his good behavior. All this happened to one man, an editor, who had the courage of his convictions, who opposed the officials of Nye county because he believed that they were not doing their duty. All this is known to our readers, and because of the interest taken we are printing a history of the man who has drawn the attention of the public to the methods that are used in prosecuting a libel case in the State of Nevada; and to the laws that make such a procedure possible.—Elko Free Press.

A MERE BAG OF SHELLS

AN item is going the rounds of the state press to the effect that the trial of W. W. Booth on complaint of the district attorney and the county commissioners cost the taxpayers of Nye county \$2,600. That was the figure long before the returns were all in. The actual expense saddled upon the people by Messrs. Sanders, Marsh, Davis and Ferguson was far above that amount. If the amount that the property owners had been forced to pay for this act of revenge had been expended on roads it is probable that a few hundred additional transcontinental autos could have been diverted to the Midland route.

GET SAFELY IN FRONT

A WIRE from Washington says that the senate is safely behind Wilson. That reads all very well, but that isn't what the ninety-four—that's the number isn't it—senators were elected for, to play like the children of the old woman who lived in the shoe, or affix themselves to her apron strings.

No, the senate should be safely in front of Wilson. He is not given constitutional rights superior to the senate, or even the house. They are the great power and the president is their executive. He has limited prerogatives under the constitution; they have almost unlimited power. It is time that they asserted it, instead of creeping in "behind" the president.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED
Taft says the Republicans would lose with Roosevelt and the Democrats

with Wilson. But what would happen if they were the two candidates?—Philadelphia Record.

Growing hostility of Japan toward the United States will not be lessened by the threat to give her the Philippines.—Washington Post.

PROSPERITY STRIKES WHITE PINE COUNTY

Andy Stinson, state mine inspector, returned yesterday from an official visit to Ely, White Pine county, where he had been for a number of days. Mr. Stinson says that section is the busiest in the state and that a small-sized boom prevails. In addition to the copper product, which has already made Ely famous, the county is reaching for honors in the production of tungsten. During the past few months many locations of ground containing that mineral have been made and development has opened up some great bodies of the ore, and mills are now being erected for the purpose of reducing it.

Money is plentiful in that section, said Mr. Stinson, and everybody is feeling the effect of its presence. The year 1916 is going to be one of remarkable prosperity for White Pine county.—Appeal.

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